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Point Paper for SIG(Space) Meeting,
25 September 1987

Purpose:

o The purpose of the subject meeting is to review national security and
civil/commercial space program comparisons being developed in support
of the ongoing review of national space policy (see Tab A for agenda).
A short review of the overall effort is also scheduled.   25X1

o The meeting will be chaired be William A. Cockell of the NSC Staff. We
understand that Deputy Secretary of Defense Taft will attend for DoD
and Deputy Administrator Myers will attend for NASA.   25X1

Background:

o The Space Net Assessment (see Tab B for the charts presented to the
IG[Space]) has been produced by a DoD/Intelligence Working Group under
the guidance of a Steering Committee. DIA played an active role. NIC
contributed background information and reviewed the final product. NIC
representative on the Working Group is NIO/SP (Gershwin or
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o The Steering Committee for the national security net assessment is
chaired by Secretary of the Air Force Aldridge and includes VChmn/JCS
(Herres), CINC US Space Command (Piotrowski), D/SDIO (Abrahamson), and
USD(P) (Ikle). DDI (Kerr) is the DCI representative. The Steering
Committee met on 8 and 15 September to review the study results. The
substantive results have not changed significantly as a result of these
reviews; the way the results are presented has changed markedly. There
is as yet no written report on the study.   25X1

o The civil/commercial space program comparisons (see Tab C for the
charts presented to the IG[Space]) have been prepared by NASA with
substantial support from OSWR/SSD. The civil comparisons are based
largely on a study effort performed by a CIA contractor   25X1
         CIA/SSD concurs with the intelligence aspects of the NASA   25X1
briefing on this effort. The commercial program comparisons were
prepared initially by NASA but we believe they have been updated by
DoC.   25X1

o Both of the program comparisons have been presented to the NSC Space
Policy Working Group and to the IG(Space). The briefings have been
modified a a result of comments received.   25X1

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o The IG(Space), supported by the NSC Space Policy Working Group and
   Sector Working Groups, is also involved in updating national space
   policy (see Tab D). D/ICS is the DCI's IG(Space) representative. A
   policy baseline, based on existing NSDDs, has been prepared. Each of
   the four sector working groups (Military, Intelligence, Civil, and
   Commercial) is addressing changes to the baseline. Thus far, the
   changes that are being recommended are relatively minor but the effort
   is still in an early stage.   25X1

o The Intelligence Sector Working Group, chaired by ICS   25X1
   has representatives from each of the SIG(Space) member agencies as well
   as representatives from the principal intelligence community member
   agencies. This working group has not completed its work on issues that
   have been raised. We do not expect any discussion at the SIG(Space)
   meeting of issues being addressed by any of the sector working groups.
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Discussion:

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o Areas of special interest in the national security presentation are the
   summary assessments on national intelligence and the concluding
   charts. Key points have been highlighted.   25X1

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o Based on the comments at the IG(Space) meeting and the changes that
   have been made in response, we do not expect much SIG(Space) discussion
   on the validity of the program comparisons. Rather, we expect the

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discussion to focus on what, if anything, the US should do to address
the issues that have been raised with respect to space leadership and
the adequacy of our space programs. We also expect some discussion of
the process for addressing these issues as part of the space policy
review.   25X1

Attachments:
    Tab A - Agenda for SIG(Space) Meeting, 25 Sep 87   25X1
    Tab B - Charts on Space Net Assessment   25X1
    Tab C - Charts on Civil/Commercial Space Program Comparisons   25X1
    Tab D - Terms of Reference on Update of National Space Policy
    Tab E - Talking Points on NIE 11-1 and Chart re Nonnuclear ASAT   25X1

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